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1. In early 1954 the ostensible control and management of the Churin Company,¹ with its main office in Harbin and branch offices in Mukden, Dairen, and Manchouli (N 49-36, E 117-27), was turned over to the Chinese Communist North-east Administration. However, the actual control still remained with the USSR through the Soviet advisers with the company.
2. Novikov (fnu),² the director of the Churin Company from about the middle of 1951, when he arrived in Harbin from the USSR, remained as adviser to the Chinese director of the company. Novikov was a member of the Ministry of Trade, USSR. His wife was in Harbin, but his two children were attending school in the USSR. He often traveled between Harbin, Peip'ing, and Moscow.
3. About the middle of 1950 Beliaev (fnu) and Dernalov (fnu) arrived from the USSR to work for the Churin Company. Beliaev was assistant director in charge of sales and Dernalov was head of the accounting section. Both of them returned to the USSR in late 1953.
4. In the main office of the Churin Company were the director and assistant director, both Chinese, each with his Soviet adviser. Under them were the Chinese heads of the following four departments, each with his Soviet adviser:
 - a. Department in charge of the local Harbin office and the three local stores, one each in the Madigou, New Town, and Pristan districts, Harbin.

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- b. Sales department.
 - c. Mechanical department.
 - d. Department in charge of factories controlled and operated by the company.
5. The Churin Company had an alcohol distillery, vodka distillery, and winery in Harbin and a glassware factory and sausage factory in Dairen.
6. The Churin Company arranged for the procuring and shipping to the USSR from China of large quantities of foodstuffs, including flour, pork, beef, butter, rice, potatoes, cucumbers, cabbages, carrots, tomatoes, sugar, and lard. Through Churin, canned sardines, perfumes, tools, farm implements, trucks, passenger motor cars, and gasoline were obtained by China from the USSR. The vehicles included Pobeda passenger cars and ZCS trucks.

Comments

1. This company, which is also known as I.I. Tschurin and Company, Ltd., was taken over by the USSR in 1945 and was one of the largest Soviet enterprises in Manchuria. According to a Peip'ing broadcast in October 1953, the Churin Company, a Soviet joint-stock public-private trading company in Manchuria, had been reorganized into a Chinese state trading organization.
2. According to a Russian emigrant who left Harbin in June 1952, a Mr. Novikoff (fnu) was president of the Churin Company in Manchuria.

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